

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
WORK SESSION SUMMARY

March 10, 1988

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland convened in Work Session in the Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Thursday, March 10, 1988 at 7:30.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas Duncan

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman James Coyle

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepien

Councilman David Robbins

Re: Work Session: Human Rights
Commission

Present for the Human Rights Commission were Chairman Michael Taff, Lloyd Welter, Charles Short, Rebecca Gilad, Frances Vaughan, and Sandy McDonald. Present from staff were Jane English and Don Vandrey.

The Mayor and Council discussed the following with the Commission:

1. Human Rights Caseload and Staffing Needs
2. Fair Housing Testing Plan
3. Human Rights Ordinance Amendments
4. Curry Report/Affirmative Action Plan

Chairman Taff reported on the need to add staff to the Human Rights Office. He noted that a full-time assistant and a secretary were needed in that office due to the heavy workload of cases. Don Vandrey commented that now that the City has a Human Rights Officer, the number of cases has been increasing. Mayor Duncan asked for a breakdown, month to month of the number of cases. Mayor Duncan also asked that the Commission look into the

possibility of hiring a mediation service and to get back with the Mayor and Council for discussion.

Chairman Taff discussed the issue of the Fair Housing Testing Plan. He felt that \$5000.00 would fund a sufficient amount of testing. Mayor Duncan asked the Commission to check with Suburban Maryland Fair Housing to see if the City could piggy back with the testing they are doing for the County, and if \$5000.00 will be enough.

Chairman Taff noted that if the City aligns their Human Rights Ordinance to that of the County's, then we will be able to use some of the County's resources. Mayor Duncan asked to have a list of instances where the County had refused us assistance and the reasons behind their refusals. He also asked to find out what we have to do to have the Rockville Human Rights Ordinance be in compliance with the County.

Mayor Duncan noted that the Mayor and Council will give the Commission the Affirmative Action Plan for their review as soon as the Council receives a draft.

Re: Work Session: Public
Education Advisory Board

Present from the Public Education Advisory Commission were Charles Haughey, Naomi Resnik, and Richard Galen. Present from Staff was Don Vandrey.

The Mayor and Council discussed the following with the Commission:

1. Transition of Ritchie Park/Frost Students to Richard Montgomery.
2. Rockville High School cluster boundary issues/City boundary policy.
3. Commission Appointments.

Don Vandrey commented that as far as the transition process of students go, the schools really have to make a decision before Rockville intervenes. Councilwoman Hovsepien commented on the importance of continually watching the

Maryvale situation. The problem of boundaries might be solved if a liaison between school and community kept the lines of communication open. Don Vandrey noted that the present policy of the Mayor and Council opposes the school boundary changes unless all affected areas agree. Mayor Duncan asked that the City's policy be looked at, and for the Commission to give the Mayor and Council a recommendation.

The Mayor informed the Commission of those members who did not wish to be reappointed to the Education Advisory Board.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Work Session, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. or convene again in General Session on Monday, March 14, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.